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E. O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: EMIN, ITC, GSA, CI  
SUBJECT: GSA TIN DISPOSALS AND COPPER ACQUISITION

REF: STATE 058800

1. ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, EMBASSY BROUGHT THE PROVISIONS OF THE UDALL-DECONCINI BILL TO THE ATTENTION OF THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF MINES, CO). RUBEN SCHINDLER. IN ADVISING SCHINDLER OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S SUPPORT FOR THIS LEGISLATION, EMBASSY OFFICER EMPHASIZED POINTS IN PARAGRAPH 3 REFTEL.

2. SPEAKING FOR THE GOC, SCHINDLER RESPONDED ENTHUSIASTICALLY THAT HE WAS DELIGHTED WITH THIS "HIGHLY POSITIVE" MEASURE. HE OBSERVED THAT THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE MEASURE WOULD DEPEND ON HOW QUICKLY IT WAS IMPLEMENTED AND THEREFORE HOPED IT WOULD BE  
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SOON. SCHINDLER STATED CATEGORICALLY THAT THE GOC WILL NOT INCREASE PRODUCTION; YEAR END FIGURES FOR 1978 WILL BE APPROXIMATELY THE SAME AS FOR 1977 -- 890 MTS.

3. UNOFFICIALLY MUSING ABOUT THE COPPER MARKET IN GENERAL, SCHINDLER SAID THAT HE WAS ALWAYS OPTIMISTIC BUT PARTICULARLY SO IN VIEW OF THIS U.S. INITIATIVE. IN HIS OPINION, THEMV

ACCUMULATED STOCK WAS DUE TO UNDERCONSUMPTION IN 1975 (6 MILLION TONS). SINCE THEN, HE POINTS TO A STEADILY INCREASING TREND: CONSUMPTION IN 1976 WAS 7 MILLION TONS AND IN 1977, IT WAS 7.5 MILLION. IN FACT, IN 1977 CONSUMPTION WAS SLIGHTLY GREATER THAN PRODUCTION. IN CONSEQUENCE OF NATURAL ORE GRADE DEGRADATION, POSSIBLE PRODUCTION CUTS BY SOME PRODUCER COUNTRIES, PRIVATE MINE CLOSINGS IN THE U.S. AND ELSEWHERE, AND THE LACK OF NEW INVESTMENT, SCHINDLER FORESEES A FALLING TREND IN TOTAL PRODUCTION AND AN INCREASING TREND IN CONSUMPTION.  
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